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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Vahid Saadat
Serial No. : 09/746,579 Confirmation No. 1598
Filed: : December 20, 2000
For: : MULTI-BARBED DEVICE FOR RETAINING
TISSUE IN APPPOSITION AND METHODS OF USE
Examiner : Ismael Izaguirre
Group : 3765

Mail Stop Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Preliminary Amendment

Sir:

Please enter the following amendments to the
claims prior to initial continuing examination of the
above-identified application:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 23.

Please amend claims 18, 19, 22, 35-37 and 41-43, as
follows: